

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1893

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

February 16, 2010

An act to add Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 49010) to Chapter 6 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1893, as introduced, Hayashi. High school spirit activities.

Existing law requires each high school sports coach to complete a coaching education program developed by his or her school district or the California Interscholastic Federation that meets specified guidelines.

This bill, effective July 1, 2011, would require high school spirit activities, as defined, that include stunting activities to occur only under the direct supervision of a high school spirit activities coach who has completed specified safety and stunting certification. This bill would require high school spirit activities to be conducted in accordance with certain conditions. The bill would require the governing board of a school district to adopt the National Federation of State High School Association Spirit Rules, and would impose other requirements on schools relating to high school spirit activities.

By imposing additional duties on local educational entities, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 49010) is added to Chapter 6 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 5.5. High School Spirit Activities

49010. (a) Effective July 1, 2011, high school spirit activities that include stunting activities shall occur only under the direct supervision of a high school spirit activities coach who has completed safety certification and stunting certification recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

(b) A high school spirit activities coach who is not certified in safety and stunting progressions may still offer and coach sideline spirit activities that do not include stunting activities.

49011. (a) A high school spirit activities coach shall have a valid and current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid, including a basic understanding of the signs, symptoms, and appropriate emergency action steps regarding potentially catastrophic injuries, including, but not limited to, head and neck injuries, concussions, second impact syndrome, asthma attacks, heatstroke, and cardiac arrest.

(b) The high school spirit activities coach shall be responsible for all costs for obtaining his or her safety certification and stunting certification.

49012. A pupil participating in high school spirit activities shall comply with both of the following:

(a) The pupil shall have an annual medical examination and medical approval to participate in spirit activities prior to participating in spirit activities.

(b) The pupil shall receive proper training prior to attempting any gymnastic or partner-type stunts and shall not attempt stunts that he or she is not capable of completing.

1 (c) The pupil shall obtain consent from his or her parents to
2 participate in spirit activities.

3 49013. High school spirit activities shall be conducted in
4 accordance with all of the following:

5 (a) Appropriate safety mats shall be used when performing any
6 spirit activity stunts on a hardwood floor.

7 (b) A high school spirit activities coach shall attend and
8 supervise the high school spirit activity.

9 (c) The high school spirit activities coach shall have all
10 participants' emergency care cards in his or her possession at all
11 times.

12 49014. (a) Each high school spirit activities coach shall
13 develop an emergency plan for dealing with injuries likely to occur
14 during spirit activities. The emergency plan shall be in writing,
15 and shall be available to staff and participants. The emergency
16 plan shall include, but is not limited to, provisions for CPR, first
17 aid, and obtaining immediate medical assistance and transportation.

18 (b) If it is not possible to have a physician and surgeon or
19 athletic trainer at a high school spirit activity, a first aid kit and
20 quick access to ice shall be available, and emergency procedures
21 shall be followed.

22 (c) High school spirit activity participants who experience or
23 show signs of trauma or other injury shall receive immediate
24 medical attention and obtain a release from the treating provider
25 before resuming spirit activities.

26 49015. For purposes of this article, the following definitions
27 apply:

28 (a) "High school spirit activities" means activities associated
29 with leading or directing the cheering of pupil and adult fans in
30 support of the interscholastic athletics and activities programs of
31 a public or accredited nonpublic school, including, but not limited
32 to:

33 (b) "High school spirit activities coach" means an employee or
34 a volunteer who is authorized by a high school to be responsible
35 for leading a school cheer team of pupil athletes.

36 (1) Games.

37 (2) Practices.

38 (3) Competitions.

39 (4) Interscholastic events.

40 (5) Performances.

1 (6) Training.

2 (7) Clinics.

3 49016. (a) The governing board of a school district shall adopt
4 the National Federation of State High School Association Spirit
5 Rules.

6 (b) A school shall investigate and document all injuries and
7 reported violations of rules and submit them to the governing
8 board.

9 (c) A school shall keep a copy of the certification of each high
10 school spirit activities coach, and shall not authorize a person to
11 coach a high school spirit activity until his or her training has been
12 completed pursuant to this article, except as authorized pursuant
13 to subdivision (b) of Section 49010.

14 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
15 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
16 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
17 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
18 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.